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HAK & SADAT BOTH CHARACTERIZE
TALKS AS POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE
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CAIRO (UPI) -- SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER DISCUSSED THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT FOR THREE HOURS TODAY AND SAID AFTERWARDS "WE ARE MOVING TOWARDS PEACE."
SADAT, ALSO ASKED BY NEWSMEN ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN THE AREA, TOLD NEWSMEN, "I AGREE WITH HIM."

THE TWO LEADERS CONFERRED FOR THREE HOURS AT THE TAHRA PALACE. KISSINGER ARRIVED TUESDAY NIGHT ON THE THIRD AND MOST CRUCIAL STAGE OF HIS TOUR OF ARAB CAPITALS FOLLOWING THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR.

AT AN IMPROMPTU NEWS CONFERENCE OUTSIDE THE PALACE, SADAT SAID "THERE MIGHT BE SOME ANSWER TONIGHT" ON THE QUESTION OF A RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE UNITED STATES.

CAIRO BROKE TIES WITH WASHINGTON FOLLOWING THE 1967 SIX-DAY MIDDLE EAST WAR.

THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT, RESPLENDENT IN HIS SUPREME COMMANDER'S UNIFORM, GAVE NO FURTHER EXPLANATION FOR HIS REMARK, BUT IT APPEARED HE WAS AWAITING SOME WORD FROM PRESIDENT NIXON.

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1ST ADD 1ST LD KISSINGER CAIRO 079A XXX PRESIDENT NIXON.
THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SAID HE PLANNED NO FURTHER MEETINGS WITH KISSINGER DURING THE AMERICAN'S 34-HOUR STAY IN CAIRO.

"WE HAVE CONCLUDED OUR MEETING," HE SAID.

THE NEWS CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE ON THE LAWN OF TAHRA PALACE, WITH SADAT AND KISSINGER SITTING IN WICKER CHAIRS AND POSING FOR PICTURES AFTER THEIR MEETING.

SADAT REPLIED, "FINE," WHEN A REPORTER ASKED HOW THE SESSION HAD GONE. "IT WAS FRUITFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE," HE SAID.

KISSINGER ALSO DESCRIBED THE TALKS AS "CONSTRUCTIVE."
BUT THERE WAS NO ANSWER FROM EITHER MAN WHEN THEY WERE ASKED IF THEY HAD SETTLED ANY ISSUES.

SADAT SAID "NO COMMENT" WHEN ASKED IF AN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY WAS IMMINENT.

BEFORE THIS MORNING'S MEETING, GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID THE PRIMARY TOPIC OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN KISSINGER AND SADAT WOULD BE EGYPT'S DEMAND THAT ISRAEL WITHDRAW HER TROOPS TO THE OCT. 22 CEASE-FIRE LINES ON THE WEST BANK OF THE SUEZ CANAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL'S FIRST CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION.

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